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STATE PARK BONDS

URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE FOR NO. 4 ON NOVEMBER BALLOT. First and foremost in park work in the State of California is the bond issue coming before the voters at the November election. The creation of the State Park Commission and authorization of a state-wide park survey, which is now being carried on under the direction of Frederick Law Olmsted, one of the most competent park authorities in America, has previously been noted in earlier publications. A great opportunity presents itself to each and every member of the Sierra Club to aid in this important work by not only voting for the bond issue but by urging as many other voters as possible to vote in favor of these bonds, Proposition No. 4 on the ballot. Members can aid materially by making talks in favor of these bonds and seeing that the local newspapers are sympathetic and publish favorable comment. Members desiring literature and additional information can obtain it by addressing State Parks Council, 114 Sansome Street, San Francisco. Remember that before a dollar of this bond issue can be spent for any particular park project, it must be matched by another dollar obtained from private donation or other sources; so that the State will get two dollars in value for every dollar it spends in acquiring these park lands. The necessity of acquiring some of the beaches in the South, redwoods in the North, and other areas of state-wide interest, before it is too late must appeal to all who love California's out-of-doors. Do your part to help in this fine work.

SIERRA CLUB OUTING—1929

A real old-time outing into the Sierra is planned for the summer of 1929. The party will travel via Huntington Lake to the first night's camp near Ward Lake on the way to Florence Lake. The next camp will be in Blaney Meadows and then the party will travel northward through an entirely new region which has never been visited on any of the outings previously. This will complete the trip, as far as the Club outings are concerned, along the John Muir Trail from Mt. Whitney to Yosemite Valley. Camp will be made in the vicinity of Heart Lake; thence over Selden Pass, where another camp will be made on Bear Creek. Another day's travel will bring us to Mono Creek with its famous Recesses. Here a camp of a few days will be made which will offer opportunity for climbs of Mounts Abbot, Gabb and other nearby peaks between thirteen and fourteen thousand feet elevation, and also give an opportunity for knapsackers to complete the trip from the Mount Humphreys basin north along the crest of the Sierra to the Mono Creek camp. The party will then cross in the vicinity of Silver Pass and the lake of the Lone Indian, down Cascade Valley to Fish Creek, thence past Red's Meadows, Rainbow Falls and the Devils Postpile. Camps will be made in the vicinity of Shadow, Garnet and Thousand Island Lakes immediately under Mount Ritter, Banner Peak and the Minarets, and a few days spent in this vicinity. Traveling north the party will enter Tuolumne Meadows over Donohue Pass and conclude the outing on the Sierra Club property in the vicinity of the soda springs, returning to the railroad via Yosemite Valley. Fishing will be excellent most of the way.

This outing will give our members an opportunity to see a portion of the Sierra that few of them have previously visited and will make one of the most delightful outings that the Club has ever undertaken.

The Kaiser, Mt. Goddard, Mt. Morrison and Mt. Lyell (or preferably the Yosemite National Park) topographic sheets cover the region to be visited.

Those intending to take this outing should make application in writing now in order that we may get some idea of the size of the party.

REPORT ON JASPER AND ROBSON OUTING—1928

This wonderful outing taken by about 130 regular members of the party is now a matter of history. The special train from California landed us at Jasper Station on schedule time. The day was spent at the most attractive Lodge and on a special auto trip to Mount Edith Cavell, where everyone had a chance to go up a considerable distance on the main glacier. Returning to Geikie Station, after a delightful evening spent at Jasper Lodge, the party hiked up to Tonquin Valley, where the real outing began. In spite of the fact that the trip was made on Friday the 13th, there were no casualties. It was very fortunate that we did not have to make this trip the day following when it rained, hailed and snowed, but by that time the party was comfortably settled in camp. It is difficult to imagine a more spectacular and inspiring camp site than the one at Tonquin Valley. We were at one end of Moat Lake, immediately opposite the great wall of the Ramparts and on the edge of a beautiful forest. Avalanches of rock and ice were of frequent occurrence both day and night descending from the steep cliffs in plain view of camp. Trips were taken to Amethyst Lakes, Surprise Point, Vista Peak, while Tonquin Hill immediately back of the camp afforded a glorious view with comparative small effort in climbing. A great feature of the trip was the employment of two Swiss guides, Hans and Henry Fuhrer, who make their headquarters at Jasper. This was made possible through the Frederick Morley Subscription. Under their able and careful guidance many members of the party climbed peaks which would otherwise have been impossible. About fifteen members climbed Bastion and nine ascended Geikie, one of the most difficult mountains of this region. A party of forty was taken up Drawbridge. A few of the more venturesome climbers had already ascended Mount Edith Cavell.

Leaving Tonquin Valley with great regret, the party took the train for Emperor station near Mount Robson, and had the unique experience of being accompanied by our packtrain of some seventy animals, which traveled in three stock-cars attached to our special train. We remained in camp in a delightful spot on the Denison and Brittain ranch a day and feasted on berries of all sorts which grew in the greatest profusion in this vicinity. The day following, the main party traveled to the upper end of Kinney Lake, and then on through the Valley of a Thousand Falls, past the famous Emperor Falls, Berg Lake with its Tumbling Glacier, to our permanent camp site at the upper end of Lake Adolphus. For a week we were favored with the finest sort of weather and during this time the Robson party of five, including the two guides, made the ascent of Mount Robson, the first in four years. Ascents were made of all the nearby peaks, and two main parties and several smaller ones, making a total of over sixty altogether, climbed Mt. Re-splendent, traveling for nearly twelve hours, going and returning on the great Robson glacier. A party of six, including the Swiss guides, made the ascent of Whitehorn, another very difficult climb, at the very end of the trip. The Adolphus camp was outstanding, commanding as it did a magnificent view of Mount Robson and being in the center of such an attractive region. Many members of the party made the trip to Moose Pass, famous for its wild flowers and attractive setting.

The party traveled by special train over the Canadian National Railway to Prince Rupert and there took the steamer through the Inside Passage to Vancouver. While the weather was not all we could have wished, this steamer trip will long be remembered as a most delightful experience. From Vancouver we returned on our special train to California. It was the unanimous opinion of the members of the party that this outing was one of the most unique and enjoyable the Club has ever taken. While the Canadian Rockies are not as hospitable and as pleasant camping as our Sierra, when it comes to spectacular scenery with snow and glacier-clad mountains extending indefinitely in every direction, the Canadian Rockies probably surpass any other similar region on the American Continent, outside of Alaska.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

It is planned to have the annual photographic exhibit in the Sierra Club rooms at San Francisco October 1 to 8, inclusive. On Saturday afternoon, October 6, the Club rooms will be

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open from three to six o'clock. The exhibit will include the photographs taken on the recent outing to Jasper and Mount Robson Parks in the Canadian Rockies by Mr. Ansel E. Adams, who was with the party for the special purpose of taking photographs. The exhibit in Los Angeles will be held October 15 to 22, inclusive, at the headquarters of the Southern California Chapter, 445 Wilcox Building, 206 South Spring street. Members taking photographs are requested to send their albums in so as to reach the San Francisco headquarters, 402 Mills Building, by September 27. Each photograph should be numbered to facilitate ordering of copies.

PURCHASE OF CAMP LEWIS PROPERTY SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

In the last bimonthly we noted the fact that Colonel John R. White, Superintendent of Sequoia National Park, had secured an option on one of the most important remaining private holdings in Sequoia National Park. This is the property commonly known as the Camp Lewis property in Kern Cañon, just above Coyote Creek, where the small store and soda springs are situated. The Colonel called upon the Club to contribute \$1,000 toward this purchase and though only a little over \$600 had been raised by previous subscription from our members, we borrowed enough to send him the entire \$1,000 and asked for additional subscriptions. As a result, \$206 additional has been sent in, but we still lack \$189 of making up the balance. Any members who are inclined to add to these contributions and who feel able, will assist in a worthy cause.

TRIP TO HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

The second trip to the Hawaiian Islands, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Drew (1010 Hobart Building, San Francisco), will start from San Francisco September 19th, the party stopping five days on the Island of Oahu at the Seaside Hotel on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu. Trips will be taken to the Nuuanu Pali, submarine coral gardens, sugar mills, pineapple plantations, Diamond Head, Koko Head and many other interesting places. Hikes to the more inaccessible regions are scheduled and are not too strenuous to be taken by the average walker. The Trail and Mountain Club of Honolulu will cooperate in conducting these trips.

The party will then sail to the Island of Kauai, the Garden Isle, visiting Waimea Canyon, Hanalei Valley, Spouting Horn, etc.

After two days in Honolulu, the Hawaii National Park, Kilauea Volcano, etc., on the island of Hawaii, will be visited.

Return may be made from Honolulu on either the Matsonia or Malolo, reaching San Francisco October 17th.

A PORTION OF THE REGION TO BE VISITED ON THE 1929 OUTING

530 Stanford Avenue,
Los Angeles, California,
August 18, 1928.

Sierra Club,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.
Gentlemen:

I wish to report the success of a short hiking trip taken from Big Creek to Lake Italy via Bear Creek and return by Second Recess the week of July 9th. Though occasional thunderheads drifted over that section dripping a cool shower from time to time, the weather was ideal for traveling and photographic purposes. I made the ascent of Mt. Hilgard Friday the 13th and was greeted on the summit by a five minute snowstorm. I found the cairn and bench mark but no other records. Snow and rain were falling intermittently along the range from Ritter to Goddard.

Camp was made at the upper end of the Lake Italy Basin, near the foot of the pass between Mts. Gabb and Abbot. Candles were used for cooking in the absence of firewood.

A small cairn was found on the above pass and records of three previous traverses in 1916, 1920, 1924, and leaving my own record as the fourth, I sought the lower levels of Mills Creek and subsequently the Second Recess. Here is found all the lover of the Sierra holds most dear, a high mountain rampart with brilliant snow field, a splendid stand of timber and a meadow cut with a pleasant little stream whose crystal depths abound in trout. I left this ideal camp spot with much regret, and soon came to Mono Creek, which I followed through Vermilion Valley to the broad canyon of the San Joaquin.

These few miles held for me all the charm of the High Sierra, and represented all that can be found in that great Range even in a larger scale.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. CAMERON.

ANOTHER BOOK BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

"AN-NIK-A-DEL"—The History of the Universe as told by the Indians of Northern California, Recorded and Edited by Dr. C. Hart Merriam. A series of fascinating stories telling how the earth was made from ocean foam and came to be inhabited by strange beings—half animal but with very human characteristics; how the Sun-woman and Moon-man were taken from the western ocean to the far east; how they were shot up into the sky and set in motion; how the First People—the Animal People—dominated the earth for thousands of years and finally turned into Real Animals and were replaced by Real People.

These stories constitute the religious beliefs of the Pit River Indians. They introduce the reader to unknown deities and demons conspicuous among whom was Annik'adel, a kindly divinity who went about through the air on missions of good will, discovered another world, was killed, and came to life again.

They tell also of Edechewe the Traveler, who toward the close of his astonishing career vanquished the demons of the air—the Thunder Brothers, the Lightning Brothers and the Whirlwind; of Ahmahl the Flower-maiden, a fragile creature made of the shadow-spirits of flowers; of Kwah, the Silver-fox-man and Walow'tah the Cloud-maiden; of Ja'mul the coyote-man, a great chief gifted with amazing powers of magic and accompanied on his travels by the Raven Doctors who, whenever he was killed, brought him back to life by pecking at his eyes.

These and many other myths go to make up this unique book. The Stratford Company, Publishers, Boston, Mass. Price \$2.00.

"We change our point of view, but the mountains themselves change not. Whatever face they turn to us, whatever their appearance, it is always one of beauty. They are mere breaks in the crust—crushings of the earth shell—and by the same reckoning color is a mere break in the beam of light, but what a wonder work each of them spreads before us! We pick and choose here and there—some for the strength of form and others for the glory of color—but nature herself makes no choice and has no preference. For she formed and garbed and hued each manifestation, from the first gentle heave of a foot-hill to the last sunflash on a pinnacled peak, with a singular care and endowed it with a peculiar and a superlative beauty. Each after its kind was made perfect and complete within itself. . . . All the world loves the mountains—loves them as color patterns on the blue, as marvels of light and shade, as symbols of peace and purity—loves them, in other words, as one might a picture. That there is a supreme grandeur about the peaks and a great beauty in the lesser hills every one will acknowledge."

—THE MOUNTAIN
PREFACE-DEDICATION
By JOHN C. VAN DYKE.

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